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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 8, 2005

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2005, Applicants submit this response to the issues raised therein.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants respectfully submit that this response is timely submitted to the U.S. Patent Office with a petition for three months extension of time, as provided herein. The petition for three months extension extends the date for response to this Action to Saturday, October 8, 2005. Because October 8, 2005 is a Saturday and the next business day, Monday, October 10, 2005, is a federal holiday on which the Office is closed, the next business day for timely submitting this response is Tuesday, October 11, 2005. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner contact the undersigned if she has any questions concerning the extension of the response date.